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Per the request from the Conference Call.

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Mr. Harris and Ms. Cauley,

I ask that you provide your full cooperation to EPA and DOJ and grant access to the site and units. As of this afternoon, we are not able to confirm the submission of a complete demolition or disposition application for West Calamut. Furthermore, as shared with Ms. Cauley by phone on yesterday, a demolition or disposition application cannot be approved within 24 hours. However, we do commit to a timely review once a complete application is received.

We want to work collaboratively with you to provide decent safe and sanitary housing for West Calamut families and children. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment (1)

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Please be advised that I am legal counsel to the East Chicago Housing Authority. It is my understanding that you contacted our agency's executive director, Tia Cauley, in an attempt to have her execute an Access Agreement which was presented to ECHA by EPA.

On July 18, 2016, the Board of Commissioners of the ECHA determined that there should be a two-step approach to dealing with this issue. The first action approved by the Board was a Resolution authorizing the staff to immediately file a demo/dispo application with HUD. The staff will have this on file with HUD by the end of the week, if it has not done so already. Based upon the information provided to ECHA by representatives from HUD's Region V office, it is expected that HUD will have a determination made relative to the application within 24 hours, or less. In the event the application is not approved, the Board will schedule a special meeting wherein the issue of the Access Agreement, or any other necessary course of action, will be discussed and voted upon. In light of the fact that the process for providing access to the units for purposes of sampling is wholly inconsistent with the process of moving the residents out within 7 -10 days, the Board determined that it would not be feasible, nor efficient, to take these two incongruent paths simultaneously.

In light of their foregoing, Ms. Cauley is not authorized to execute EPA's Access Agreement. As the process set in place by the Board develops, we will keep you fully apprised.

Best regards,

Jewell Harris, Jr., Esq.

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